

Monday, June 13

3:05 – 4:20 **Title I, Part D Update**

Kenya Haynes, Wyoming Department of Education Join Kenya Haynes, WDE State Title I, Part D Coordinator for updates to Wyoming's Title I, Part D, Subpart 2 program, including changes to the program under the Every Student Succeeds Act.

Tuesday, June 14

All Day Wyoming Stories

WDE

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8-9:15 Homeless Education State of the State School District Best Practices Panel

Kenya Haynes, Wyoming Department of Education Lisa Theis, Albany County School District #1 Gayle Shaffer, Campbell County School District #1 John McKay, Poudre School District Dee Cuch, Fremont County School District #38

Join Wyoming State Coordinator for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth Kenya Haynes, for an update on the homeless education program in Wyoming, and hear from a panel of regional school leaders on promising practices for schools working with families experiencing housing instability.

9:30 – 10:45 Changes to McKinney-Vento Programming in the Every Student Succeeds Act Patricia Julianelle, National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth

The Every Student Succeeds Act includes a number of changes to the McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth program, including student eligibility, local liaison requirements, and more. These changes will go into effect for the 2016-2017 school year. Join Patricia Julianelle, Director of State Projects and Legal Affairs of the

National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth to explore the changes to the federal education statute.

9:30 – 10:45 Title IX: School Responsibilities for Gender Equity

Region VIII Equity Assistance Center

When you think of Title IX, most people think of sports, but the program impacts much more than the basketball court or soccer field. The Region VIII Equity Assistance Center will discuss Title IX compliance for schools.

11:30-12:45 McKinney-Vento Program Planning and Evaluation

Jan Moore, National Center for Homeless Education

Planning to meet the needs of families and youth experiencing homelessness can be challenging. In this session, you will learn strategies to conduct needs assessments in your community and set annual measurable targets for your EHCY program.

11:30-12:45 Working with Families in Poverty

Region VIII Equity Assistance Center (Salon A)

According to a U.S. Census Bureau report, "Forty-five percent of those who live in poverty would still be in poverty even if they doubled their income." What are the causes and contrasts of such economic deprivation in the 21st century? Can we identify emotional and behavioral evidences of stress in children and youth due to poverty? In this session we will look at ways for educators to work with students and adults in families who are experiencing poverty, valuing all and helping them to believe and achieve both now and in their future.

2:15 – 3:30 **Domestic Violence and Family Homelessness**

Jennifer Zenor, Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Domestic Violence and family homelessness are closely linked. This session will explore those links and provide information about the Domestic Violence shelter system in Wyoming, and ways that schools can work more closely with the system to ensure student privacy and access to services.

2:15 – 3:30 Communicating Homeless Youth Issues to Your Community: Working with the Media

Family and youth homelessness can be a difficult issue to talk about. How do you share your work and gain community support? How do you respond when a local crisis hits social media? Schoolbased public information staff will share ideas and strategies for communicating about your homeless education program. WDE will share information about this year's Homeless Children and Youth Awareness Month, and discuss a new online tool designed to help homeless education liaisons, and families and youth experiencing homelessness to locate local resources for assistance.

3:45 – 5:00 Innocence Lost: Human Trafficking and Wyoming Schools

Trooper Penny Gallegos, Innocence Lost Task Force

When you think about Human Trafficking, what images come to mind? Do you picture Wyoming's mountains and plains? Unfortunately, the commercial sexual exploitation of children is alive and well in our state, and youth experiencing homelessness are particularly vulnerable. Join Penny Gallegos from the Innocence Lost Task Force to learn more about the faces of human trafficking, its prevalence in Wyoming, and how schools can be more responsive to the problem.

3:45 – 5 Wyoming's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness – Responses to Youth Issues Karla McClaren, Wyoming Department of Family Services

Wyoming recently developed its first 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness. This session will explore the development of the plan and progress on implementation. Participants will also be able to provide feedback about the State of Wyoming's strategies to reduce youth homelessness.

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8 – 9:15 Connecting with Outside Services Panel

Tamra Jackson, Wyoming Department of Education Danita Martinez, Wyoming Department of Family Services TBD

As a local liaison linking students to other services can be overwhelming. In this session learn about connecting students to school nutrition services, school transportation, SNAP and other resources.

8 – 9:15 McKinney-Vento and Dispute Resolution

Jan Moore, National Center for Homeless Education

Students and families experiencing housing instability are entitled to the right to dispute local district decisions about eligibility for services, enrollment, and school selection, and appeal those decisions to the State Coordinator for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth. Wyoming has seen an increase in these cases over the last year. This session will explore student rights, Wyoming policies, and lessons learned.

9:30 – 10:45 Title I and Foster Care: New Requirements Under ESSA

Patricia Julianelle, National Association for the Education of Children and Youth

The Every Student Succeeds Act includes changes in how education agencies will interact with students in foster care. This session will dig into the foster care amendments in the Homeless Education and Title I, Part A programs.

9:30 – 10: 45 **Help, I Don't Speak Housing!**

Lyle Konkol, US Department of Housing and Urban Development

Don't know your Section 8 from your ESG? The Every Student Succeeds Act includes new requirements that local homeless education liaisons provide referrals to housing services, but sometimes navigating the housing system can be confusing. This session will provide attendees with information on the US Department of Housing and Urban Development housing resources in Wyoming.

9:30 – 10:45 Meeting the Needs of Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

Jan Moore, National Center for Homeless Education

Students experiencing homelessness without the support of a parent or legal guardian present unique challenges. In this session we will look at who makes up this population, their legal rights, and strategies for helping these students be successful.

11 – 12:15 Bringing it all Together: Q&A and Closing

Kenya Haynes, WDE, Jan Moore, NCHE, Patricia Julianelle, NAEHCY

Do you have some questions about homeless education that haven't been answered yet? This session is for you! Join us for a Q&A, door prizes and sending off.